

## **Update on Program Changes for FY 05**

**We are well into our FY 05 budget year and I would like to make you aware of some changes that have occurred that will impact our support for training.**

**We plan to continue to support most training at an increased level much the same as we did in the last fiscal year. There will be some minor changes which I will review below.**

**Essentials of Firefighting remains far and away our most popular training program. We plan to continue to subsidize 100% of the cost of facilitating in-house Essentials training with the following limitations:**

- ♦ EST will pay for up to twenty-five Essentials Student Manuals and Student Application Workbooks for any department. The department will be responsible for any additional materials needed.**
- ♦ EST will also furnish a qualified instructor as necessary to mentor the designated in-house instructor(s) to help them get started delivering the training.**

**Flashover (FOT) training will be subsidized 100% by EST as long as the class size meets minimum guidelines. All departments participating in FOT must submit certificates of Worker's Comp Insurance coverage for their personnel in advance of the training – no exceptions. Host departments must furnish the ½ inch particle board, the scrap pallets, and the propane consumed during this training.**

**EST will pay 100% of the cost of up twenty-five Driver/Operator student manuals for any department wishing to pursue in-house Driver/Operator training.**

**All technical rescue classes will be funded on a 50/50 basis.**

**All remaining fire classes will be coordinated using the traditional formula requiring the host department to pay ½ of the instructor's base pay. EST will pay the remainder of the costs for fire training.**

**The National Fire Academy State Training Grant did come through as we had hoped it would. We will use these federal funds to underwrite 100% of the expenses for eligible NFA classes. There are some new reporting requirements for this training, so host departments will be asked to have students complete the NFA short registration forms and send them back to us within ten days of the completion of the training.**

**EST will continue to fund 100% of Haz Mat Awareness and Operations training in FY 2005. Haz Mat Technician training will be subsidized on a 75/25% basis.**

**Extrication training will be subsidized on a 75/25% basis as long as class size is within guidelines.**

**Finally, Instructor pay rates were adjusted upward effective July 1, 2004. State-qualified level one instructors are being compensated at the rate of \$22.00 per hour. Level two instructors will now be paid \$25.00 per hour. Mileage and per diem rates are set by the technical college which serves the area where the training occurs. All instructors will need to make sure they are registered with the college serving the area where a class is delivered. Automated payroll systems tend to discard part-time employees who have not drawn a paycheck within the past year, so be sure to check if you are current before teaching a class.**

**Please contact EST if you have any questions regarding this notice.**

**Stay safe and practice safety—in training, and in response.**

**Jerry Schroeder, EST Program Manager**